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In re Patent Application of

Gerard Wolfe Sormann

Application No. 09/786,252

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**"MEDICAL IMPLANT SYSTEM"**

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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No additional fee is required.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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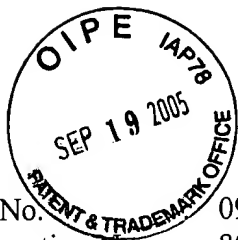
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#### **AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 12, 2005, which was made final (hereinafter "the Office Action"), Applicant requests entry of the amendments to the claims proposed herein, and reconsideration of the outstanding rejection in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant respectfully submits that entry of the amendments proposed herein is proper, under 37 CFR § 1.116, because the claim amendments have been prepared with the express purpose of placing all the present pending claims in a condition for allowance. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that entry of the amendments will materially advance prosecution of this application and, it is hoped, completely obviate any need for appeal. For reasons set forth above, and in view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments proposed herein under 37 CFR § 1.116.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as found on the listing of claims on page 2.